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SUBJECT: GOJ PUBLICLY LINKS FATAH AL-ISLAM LEADER TO FOLEY
ASSASSINATION

REF: A. AMMAN 2172

¶B. 06 AMMAN 1827
¶C. 04 AMMAN 2645

¶1. (U) CONFIRMING REPORTS IN INTERNATIONAL MEDIA, GOJ SPOKESMAN NASSER JOUDEH SAID DURING A WEEKLY BRIEFING TO JOURNALISTS ON MAY 22 THAT FATAH AL-ISLAM LEADER SHAKER AL-ABSI WAS A "JORDANIAN NATIONAL" WHO WAS CONVICTED IN ABSENTIA AND SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR THE OCTOBER 28, 2002 ASSASSINATION OF USAID DIPLOMAT LAWRENCE FOLEY (REF C).

¶2. (U) TWO OF AL-ABSI'S COHORTS, LIBYAN NATIONAL SALIM SUWAYD AND JORDANIAN NATIONAL YASIR FURAYHAT, WERE HANGED ON MARCH 11, 2006 FOLLOWING THEIR CONVICTIONS IN THE SAME TRIAL (REF B.).

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